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16th June, 1959.CCCOM Document No. 3572COORDINATING COMMITTEERECORD OF DISCUSSIONCNUNITED KINGDOM PROPOSAL TO EXPORT AIRBORNE COMMUNICATIONS AND NAVIGATIONEQUIPMENT TO THE SOVIET ZONE OF GERMANYJune 12th, 1959.

Present: Belgium(Luxembourg), Canada, France, Germany, Italy, Japan,
Netherlands, United Kingdom, United States.

References: CCCOM 3511, 3544, 3560.

1. The CHAIRMAN recalled that at the previous meeting (CCCOM 3560) a number of Delegates had given the views of their authorities on the United Kingdom proposal to export certain airborne communications and navigation equipment to the Soviet Zone of Germany. He invited Delegates to give the further views of their authorities.
2. The ITALIAN Delegate said that after careful consideration his authorities were not in favour of the United Kingdom request because of the highly strategic characteristics of the equipment involved and the possibility that it might be used for the production of military aircraft. They were, however, prepared to consider any further information the United Kingdom might wish to put forward.
3. The UNITED KINGDOM Delegate said that in previous discussions of this request some Delegations had stated that they were not in favour of assisting the development of the aircraft industry in the Soviet Bloc. This was a general economic reason outside the scope of the Committee's terms of reference. The equipment in question was admittedly on List I but his authorities would have been justified in permitting this export if it had been sold with a complete aircraft and had fallen within the terms of the exclusion clauses of the items concerned. His authorities had sought the views of the Committee because this export did not fall within the usual framework for questions of this kind. The Delegate asked the Members of the Committee to reconsider their answers in the light of these comments.
4. The GERMAN Delegate drew the attention of his United Kingdom colleague to the fact that Item 1501 covered all airborne equipment of certain specifications whether of civil or military application. He undertook to report the comments of the United Kingdom Delegate to his authorities but doubted that the latter could change their position.
5. The FRENCH Delegate said that the Notes to Item 1501 permitted certain exclusions provided that the equipment was installed in Bloc aircraft which participated in scheduled commercial flights to Free World destinations, thus they referred only to aircraft actually in service and not to aircraft at the development stage. He undertook to refer the United Kingdom Delegate's comments back to his authorities but he doubted that his instructions would be changed.

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6. The UNITED STATES Delegate commented on the references to helping the aircraft industry of the Soviet Bloc. This could be alleged to be an economic consideration but it was a valid COCOM argument because of the vital importance of the aircraft industry in the Soviet Bloc, bearing in mind especially that the Bloc's aircraft production capacity was overwhelmingly devoted to military production.

7. The COMMITTEE agreed to continue the discussion on June 22nd.

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